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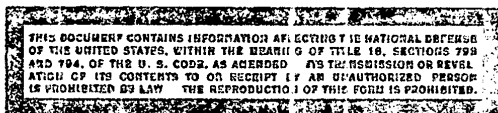
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1. [redacted] while a southwest wind blew at force 4, the sky was overcast, with intermittent rain showers, and visibility was good, Soviet destroyers [redacted] were observed at N 59-09, E 25-03, near the Helsinki lightship. 50X1-HUM Destroyer [redacted] was sighted about 1635 [redacted] which [redacted] Destroyer [redacted] came into sight at about 1720 hours [redacted] The two destroyers then operated jointly, without, however, proceeding in any special formation.

[redacted] the two destroyers increased speed and changed course. Destroyer [redacted] then turned toward Tallinn [redacted]

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2. The destroyers had two funnels and two tripod masts. They also had a large rangefinder on the bridge, two sets of an undetermined number of torpedo tubes, one between the two funnels and the other behind the aft funnel, and three 50X1-HUM two-gun turrets, with an estimated caliber of 150 mm, one on the foredeck and the others aft. Destroyer [redacted] had a quadruple AA machine gun of about 20 mm on the stern. This destroyer had a red bottom, navy gray hull and superstructure, and a gray funnel with a black top and a white distinguishing number. Destroyer [redacted] had a red bottom with a narrow white stripe just above the waterline, and a navy gray hull. Destroyer [redacted] had her starboard boat, located near the funnel forward funnel, swung out. 50X1-HUM

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[redacted] Comment. The description indicates that the two destroyers were of the Modified O-Class. [redacted]

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